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SUBJECT: MPLA ISSUES COMMUNIQUE: CALLS FOR SUMMIT CONFERENCE

1. THE MPLA CENTRAL COMMITTEE MET ON MARCH 30 AND AFTER ITS DELIBERATIONS ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE THAT WAS MADE PUBLIC ON APRIL 2. THE DOCUMENT SPEAKS OF THE COURAGE OF THE PEOPLE IN THE FACE OF MASSACRES, CONDEMNS INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM FOR ITS DESIGNS ON ANGOLA, CRITICIZES THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR LACK OF DYNAMISM IN CONTROLLING THE VIOLENCE, CALLS FOR PROTECTION OF THE PEOPLE AND AN INVESTIGATION ON THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE VIOLENCE AND RECOMMENDS A SUMMIT MEETING OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. A FREE TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT FOLLOWS.

2. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF MPLA MET ON MARCH 30 AND CALMLY AND IN DEPTH ANALYZED THE EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK THAT SADDENED THE NATION WITH SOME TWO HUNDRED DEATHS, MANY WOUNDED AND MAIMED AND LARGE NUMBERS OF PERSONS WHO HAVE DISAPPEARED.

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3. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MADE IT A MATTER OF RECORD THAT ONCE AGAIN THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE HAVE SUFFERED IN THE FLESH THE CONSEQUENCES OF EVIL ACTIONS OF ITS DECLARED ENEMIES. THE EMBATTLED PEOPLE DID NOT LOSE THEIR HEADS, BUT OPPOSED WITH FIRMNESS AND DETERMINATION THE ENORMITIES OF THE MASSACRES AND CRIMES AGAINST THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHTS. THEY WENT OUT INTO THE STREETS TO CONFRONT THE TERRIBLE ARMS THAT WERE TURNED AGAINST THEM.

4. IMMENSE DANGERS ARE LURKING IN OUR NATION. INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM INSISTS ON DEEPENING POLITICAL, ETHNIC AND SOCIAL DIFFERENCES TO CREATE CHAOTIC SITUATIONS THAT WILL FACILITATE THEIR INTERVENTION AND TAKEOVER OF THE VITAL SECTORS OF THE NATION. HIGH FINANCIAL CIRCLES, ALARMED AT THE GROWING INFLUENCE OF MPLA AMONG OUR PEOPLE AND FEARFUL OF THE REFLECTION IN ANGOLA OF THE RECENT ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATIONS UNDERTAKEN IN PORTUGAL, HAVE BEEN FINANCING ANTI-MPLA ACTIONS AND CAMPAIGNS; HAVE RESORTED TO WORN OUT FASCIST SLOGANS; STUPIDLY TRIED TO MAKE PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THE MPLA IS COMMUNIST, OPPOSED TO PRIVATE INITIATIVES AND PRIVATE PROPERTY AND AGAINST THE CHURCHES; AND HAVE TRIED BY THIS MEANS TO DRIVE A WEDGE BETWEEN IT AND A PART OF THE POPULATION.

5. IT HAS BEEN FELT FOR SOME TIME THAT THE ENEMIES OF OUR PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO BLOCK THE MARCH TO INDEPENDENCE BEGUN ON JANUARY 31 WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. IN FACT, IN SEVERAL LOCALITIES THE ORGANIZATIONS OF MPLA WERE THE OBJECT OF VARIOUS TYPES OF PROVOCATIONS THAT APPEARED TO HAVE AS THEIR AIM THE CREATION OF A CLIMATE OF TENSION AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE DEFENSELESS PEOPLE WERE SUBJECT TO ACTIONS OF INTIMIDATION.

6. AFTER THE MEETING OF MARCH 12 OF THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERS OF THE THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, IN WHICH IT WAS DECIDED TO INSTITUTE BIWEEKLY MEETINGS OF THE RESPECTIVE CHIEFS, IT WAS RIGHTFULLY TO BE EXPECTED THAT DIFFERENCES WHICH AROSE AMONG THE THREE MOVEMENTS WOULD BE GRADUALLY ELIMINATED. NEVERTHELESS, AFTER A SERIES OF PROVOCATIONS THAT CULMINATED IN THE INCIDENTS ON MARCH 23, THAT MECHANISM WAS NOT USED, DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF MPLA TO DO SO. IN THIS MANNER THE SITUATION IN UNCLASSIFIED

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THE COUNTRY SERIOUSLY DETERIORATED AND GAVE RISE TO UNCONTROLLABLE VIOLENCE WHICH RESULTED IN MASSACRES, EXECUTIONS, ARBITRARY IMPRISONMENT, UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY INTO HOMES, DISREGARD FOR LAW AND NUMEROUS INFRACTIONS OF THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF CITIZENS.

7. THIS SITUATION CREATED A CLIMATE OF GREAT INSECURITY AND THE PEOPLE FELT THEMSELVES ABANDONED BY THE CONSTITUTED AUTHOR-

ITIES, WHOSE APPEALS FOR CALM WERE NOT ACCOMPANIED BY CONCRETE MEASURES TO PUT AN END TO THE SITUATION.

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8. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT DURING THE CRISIS AND DURING THE MASSACRES THE PRESENCE OF ELEMENTS NOT BELONGING TO THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WAS WELL KNOWN, ELEMENTS THAT CONTRIBUTED ACTIVELY TO WORSENING THE EXISTING PROBLEMS.

9. ON THE OTHER HAND THERE WAS ALSO EVIDENT A VACILLATING AND SCARCELY DYNAMIC REACTION FROM THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES IN ANGOLA, AS THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE SECURITY APPARATUS, FROM WHOM THERE WAS RIGHTFULLY TO BE EXPECTED A MORE DECISIVE AND FIRM ACTION IN DEFENSE OF THE ALVOR AGREEMENT.

10. DESPITE THE PROTOCOL THAT WAS SIGNED ON MARCH 28, ATTEMPTS AGAINST PERSONS AND PROPERTY CONTINUE AND ACTS OF FORCE AND INTIMIDATION HAVE BEEN REPEATED.

11. THERE SHOULD BE CREATED ON AN URGENT BASIS AN INVESTIGATIVE ORGANIZATION TO PROTECT THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF THE POPULATION, ESPECIALLY IN THE GHETTOS.

12. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE FOUR OF THE PROTOCOL, WHICH TREATS THE PRISON SYSTEM AND THE COURTS, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSIDERS NECESSARY A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION INTO EVENTS WITH THE AIM OF JUDGING AND PUNISHING ALL THOSE WHO COMMITTED CRIMES.

13. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE BELIEVES THAT THE RECENT EVENTS, BY THE BARBAROUS PROPORTIONS THEY ASSUMED, THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS AND THE CLIMATE OF TERROR THAT WAS GENERATED, HAVE REACHED A DIMENSION AND A SERIOUSNESS THAT CANNOT BE MINIMIZED AND WHICH DEMANDS OF EVERYONE - THE DEFENSELESS PEOPLE, RESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS IN THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES - A FIRM DETERMINATION NOT TO PERMIT CHAOS WITH ALL THE TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES THAT COULD ENDANGER NATIONAL INTEGRITY AND THE UNIT OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE.

14. THUS, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE MPLA INSISTS THAT ALL OF THE MIXED ORGANS ENVISIONED BY THE ALVOR AGREEMENT BE PUT INTO OPERATION AND THAT THE ENEMIES OF OUR PEOPLE THAT STILL CONSPIRE AGAINST THEM BE EXPELLED. ALL SUCH ENEMIES NOW ABROAD SHOULD BE PREVENTED FROM RETURNING.

15. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ALSO INSISTS THAT THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES IN ANGOLA COOPERATE MORE EFFICIENTLY WITH THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IN THE IMMEDIATE AND RIGOROUS FULFILLMENT OF THE PROTOCOL SIGNED ON MARCH 28.

16. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE EXHORTS THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE TO MAINTAIN THEIR TRADITIONAL VIGILANCE, TO INTENSIFY THEIR ORGANIZATION AND TO CLOSE RANKS IN REPUDIATION OF ALL ATTEMPTS BY THEIR ENEMIES TO DIVIDE THEM; TO COMBAT MORE THAN EVER TRIBALISM AND REGIONALISM AND QUICKLY DENOUNCE TO THE AUTHORITIES ALL VIOLENCE AGAINST THEM.

17. FINALLY, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE BELIEVES THAT IN THE FACE OF THE PRESENT SITUATION IT WOULD BE HIGHLY USEFUL TO ORGANIZE A MEETING OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO BE HELD IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME WITH AIM OF DEFINING, IN LIGHT OF MUTUAL EXPERIENCE, COMPLEMENTARY NORMS THAT WILL GUARANTEE THE PEACEFUL CONTINUATION OF THE PROCESS BEGUN AT MOMBASA AND ALVOR.

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